Social Personal

AND MRS. CHARLES EDWARD INrasoLL of 1815 Walnut street, will enat a small dinner and theatre party on evening, January 30, in honor of Miss Sturgis, of New York, who will be at of her aunts, Mrs. Ingersoll and eigar T. Scott, over the Eckley Coxe January 28 and the Assembly on Janu-

orf Miller Watts will entertain the Board seriors of the Huntingdon Valley Coun-Cub at dinner tonight. His guests include Harrison Frazier, J. Rutherford McAl-Jehn Worrell Pepper, Edward T. Stotesgeorge W. Elkins, Daniel B. Wents, Wal-L Ross, Morris L. Bockius, Edward B. 6 Clay, Robert E. Glendinning, E. F. and Cameron B. Buxton.

number of other dinners will be given as elab before the dance, C. E. Schmidt seteriain six guests and E. Rittenhouse will have seven guests. Mr. and Mrs. genry Stetson will have covers laid for six Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Bunting will also stain a party of six.

ts, and Mrs. A. J. Drexel-Biddle have inat invitations for a morning reception Thurspary 21, at 10:30 o'clock, at their home. Walnut street, to meet the Rev. and Mrs. am A Sunday.

and Mrs. Walter D. Blabou have Issued er for a dinner, to be given Tuesday, Februou before the Bal Masque.

er and Mrs. Harrison Cruikshank of 1309 street, Wilmington, Del., will be inally at home on Sunday, February 14, from atil 6 o'clock. No cards have been sent out.

he Edward Browning, who has been spendsweral days in New York, will return to-

on and Mrs. John Cooke Hirst, of 1823 Pine will entertain informally at dinner on mrday night.

n and Mrs. Benjamin Brannan Reath, of Walnut street, will entertain at the theto be followed by supper at the Ritz-Carlm Tuesday, January 26, in honor of Miss a heath and John A. Appleton, whose enent has been recently announced. The s will include Miss Cornella C. Leidy, Margaret Handy Burton, Miss Charlotte sing Brown, Miss Inez Drayton, J. Ham-Cheston, John C. Bell, Jr., Thomas K. des Alexander Mercer Biddle and Ludwig

In Edward Winslow Taylor and Miss Anna upless Taylor, of Cedron, Indian Queen lane, wn, accompanied by Miss Elizabeth L Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred-Winglew Taylor, will leave on February for Augusta, Ga., where they will remain for

The Triat Whist Club has resumed its weekly ether on Thursday mornings at the Hotel setot, Mrs. Byron P. Moulton, Mrs. Rodman Poter and Mrs. William H. Newbold are ming the members.

Ys Charlotte Smythe, of Salem, Mass., who when the guest of Miss Frances S. Mears, 133 Dé Lancey place, for several weeks, will in a Sunday for New York, where she will sei several days before returning to Salem.

Est S. W. Janney has taken apartments at Hatel Stenton for the rest of the winter.

Mr. P. Frederick Rothermel, Jr., will enterabout of Mrs. Ira Bronson, of New York.

tis photograph of Miss Louise Foster Chase th Evening LEDGER on January 13 was

ALONG THE MAIN LINE Milox-Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Off. of

sins lane, are spending some time in Atlantic

Mr. Grace Harrison, of Merion avenue, is BIRITH Mrs. Edwin P. Lindsay, of Bris-

R. H. will spend next week as the guest Mis Hula Jefferies, of Narberth avenue. wing to filness in Mrs. A. P. Redifer's Mrs. Augustus J. Love, of Haverford

will entertain on the musical evening th Forinightly Club Friday, January 22. Verg-Mr. and Mrs. Prosper Baratet have spend the remainder of the winter at

Asgustine, Flo. Wednesday afternoon, January 20, at the May Club a play will be given by the ets fittlement, followed by dancing. The wil be used for the benefit of the ment children.

CHESTNUT HILL

In William Milnes entertained her bridge ysstarday afternoon at her home on Gowen The members are Mrs. J. E. Hubbel, 4 8. Weiler, Mrs. W. H. Gartley, Mrs. the Benerman, Mrs. J. D. Baldy, Mrs. E Ball, Mrs. E. H. Hults, Mrs. L. W. Mrs. M. B. Feldmann, Mrs. C. M. crowth and Mrs. J. S. Taylor.

a first suffrage dance proved so successful another is to be given at Crusaders' Hall Stray is. The patronesses are the fol-Maladies: Mrs. William Albert Wood. Mrs. H. Hurrell, Mrs. Charles Z. Klauder, - LArcher Rulon, Mrs. Frederick M.

GERMANTOWN

Bilen Gormley, of 727 Lincoln drive, will last at luncheon in honor of Miss Beatrice in Friday, January 22. The guests will

" Flood will give a dinner at her home. Savenue and Hortter street, on Tuesday January 26. The guests will be the of the bridgi party.

a Churchill Williams, of 188 West Coulter Wil give a dinner on Tuesday evening, up 2. The guests will afterward attend to be given at Manheim by the and Navy Rolled of the Mid Ward. The are to be used for the Philadelphia of the Ambulance Hospital,

following ladies have consented to act as has for the dance to be given at Man-. Pencury 2, arranged by the Army and hald Association of the 221 Ward. The will be sized for the Philadelphia ward. merican Ambutanes thospital in Palis. to Santa Eulalia, Mrs. William Disc-

ton, Mrs. A. J. Drexel Biddle, Mrs. Charles D. Barney, Mrs. William E. Chapman, Mrs. James Large, Mrs. Albert Draper Whiting, Mrs. J. Gardner Cassatt, Mrs. Alexander W. Wistar, Mrs. Louis C. Madeira, Mrs. Sydney Hutchinson, Mrs. Charles Stuart Wurts, Mrs. George Wharton Pepper, Mrs. William Byrd Page and Mrs. Francis Howard Williams form the committee

ALONG THE READING

The Senior Class dance, of the Cheltenham High School, took place last night at Manhelm, the Germantown Cricket Club. The ball-room was beautifully decorated with college pennants and blue and gold bunting, the colors of the school. There were 200 present, and the committee in charge of the affair included Miss Sarah Renninger, Miss Martha Purner, Miss Violet Denahue, Frederick Schlaich, Leon Malley and Watson Chesterman, chairman. The hostesses were Mrs. Walter, Mrs. Schlaich, Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Donahue, Mrs. Purner, Mrs. Chesterman, Miss Ebbert, Miss Waesche and Miss Rarabaugh.

Miss Olive May Wilson, well known as the Santa Claus girl and daughter of Mrs. S. H. Wilson, of Jenkintown, who has been spending a fortnight at Moss Neck on the Rappahannock River, Va., is expected to return next week. Miss Wilson is recuperating from an attack of appendicitis.

Mrs. James Vincent, of Ashborn road, Elkins Park, will entertain at auction bridge tomorrow afternoon. Among her guests will be Mrs. Frederick Foedisch, Mrs. H. Linton Smith and Mrs. George Williams.

WEST PHILADELPHIA

Mr. and Mrs. George Grant Piper, of 5146 Hazel avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Edith Green Piper, to James Ballard Zink. No date has been set for

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison N. Diesel, of 5009 Springfield avenue, have issued invitations for a dinner-dance on Saturday night in honor of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker, of New York. There will be 30 guests, and the decorations will be in pink.

Miss Isabel Diesel will give a bridge of four tables the same evening for Miss Laurine

Mrs. J. Kimes Davis, of 4724 Cedar avenue, will entertain her bridge club on Tuesday, Jan-

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard V. Goebbels, of 4419 Larchwood avenue, will entertain their evening bridge club on Saturday, January 23,

The Hathaway Shakespeare Club will hold its anual luncheon on Friday. January 29, at 1 o'clock at the Normandie.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tate-Smith, of 507 South Broad street, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, born January 10. Mrs. Smith was Miss May Bernadette Daly.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keefer, of 1434 South Broad street, will entertain on Thursday evening, January 21, at "bridge," followed by supper. Their guests will include Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Stockley, Mr. and Mrs. George Shisler, Mr. and Mrs. George Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. David McCoach, 2d, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Simmons.

Miss Elizabeth Lemmerhirt will entertain at home in the Girard estate, 2525 South Colorado terrace. Her guests will include Miss Helen Brooks, Miss Anne Djorup, Miss Blanche Dove, Miss Estelle Dove, Miss May Lynch, Miss Gladys Monsalvatage, Miss Gertrude Coney, Miss Irene James, Miss Marie James, Miss Augusta James, Miss Evelyn James, Miss Muriel James, Miss Regina Hughes, Mrs. Denney and Mrs. Cunningham.

Mrs. Richard J. Murphy, of Atlanta, Ga., who has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Carroll, at her home in the Girard estate, 2627 South Colorado terrace, will return to her home about the end of January. Mrs. Murphy has been extensively entertained during her stay in the city.

NORTH PHILADELPHIA

Mrs. H. B. Niehaus entertained at a box party yesterday afternoon, followed by an attractive dinner at her home. Those present were Mrs. Gretz, Mrs. A. Trosch, Mrs. J. Barthmaler, Mrs. Kindig, Mrs. D. McGookin, Mrs. Loftus, Mrs. L. Schmitte and Mrs. F. Drueding.

Miss Reba Feinglass, of 2007 North 31st street. will leave Saturday for South Bethlehem for a week-end sojourn. She will be accompanied by Miss Helen Karn.

The marriage has been announced of Miss Carrie Stern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Stern, of Baltimore, Md., to Abraham Goldherger, of this city, on December 27. Mr. and Mrs. Goldberger are receiving at their home. 2233 North 18th street.

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Odenate, of 2531 North 12th street, entertained their "500" last night. Those present were Dr. H. Bachman, Dr. J. Schoening, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jackson, Miss E. Selden, Miss Zimmerman and Mr. and Mrs. J. Crouse.

NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA

Dr. and Mrs. Edward J. Dougherty, of 2132 East Cumberland street, will entertain at dinner tomorrow night. These present will be Dr. and Mrs. Robert McNeill, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Bonsall, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Schaffer, Dr. and Mrs. G. Endera and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Schimpf.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Scalley, corner of Sepviva. and Sergeant streets, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Frank O'Neal has just returned from Palm Beach, Fla., where he spent the last two mouths.

Mrs. J. A. Breadfield, of 2010 Frankford avenus, will entertain the members of her sawing circle on Monday evening. Her guests will include Miss Elizabeth Sinnamon, Miss Ray Renshaw, Miss Margaret McCandless, Miss Adele McGrath, Miss Lillian Nevil, Miss Bess Conover, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Verguson, Mrs. Dauffines and Miss Crisi Dauffines.

Yerry Hanton and P. O'Brian have returned from a tour of the West to their respective



MISS EDITH GREEN PIPER

The engagement of Miss Piper to James Ballard Ziuk has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Grant Piper, of West Philadelphia.



THE second debutante to be introduced this week will be Miss Helen Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Struthers Ellis, of Fox Hill farm, Bryn Mawr, at a dance, to be given at the Ritz-Carlton tonight. The guests will be mainly from the debutante and younger men set. A number of dinners will precede the af-

Dr. and Mrs. William J. Taylor, of 1825 Pine street, will entertain in honor of Miss Mary Frances Fisher, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Middleton Fisher. Their guests will include Miss Cornelia C. Leidy, Miss S. Worthington Mitchell, Miss Peggy La Farge, of New York, Vinton Freedley, Fitz Eugene Newbold, Allen Evans, Jr.

Miss Jean Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson, will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Thayer, of the Dust Pan. Merion. Covers will be laid for 24.

Miss Agnes W. Hutchinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Pemberton Hutchinson, of 1833 Pine street, will be guest of honor at a dinner, given by her parents. Covers will be laid for 12.

ROXBOROUGH

The members of the Roxborough Melody Club gave an informal musicale last night at their rooms in Odd Fellows' Hall on Ridge avenue. The program included vocal solos by Mrs. James Hindle and Edward Wilson, and violin solos by Miss Anna Du Gan. George W. Wentling, musical director of the association, is arranging for the annual concert to be given in February. Other members include Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Thompson, Mrs. D. S. Cornog, Mrs. H. H. Thompson Miss Miriam Wetherill, Miss Leonore Cassil, Miss Elsie Held. Mr. and Mrs. F. Oliver Keely, Miss Helen Mattis, Mrs. A. Tongue, Miss Eleanor Hendren, Miss Jessie Allison, Miss Edith L. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Simpson, Miss Elizabeth Simpson, Miss Iva Kerkeslager, Miss Helen Irwin, Miss Florence Cornman, Miss Edith Kerkeslager, Mrs. Hunter Lord, Mrs. James Blaney, Mrs. Harry Cayword, Lester Blankin, J. E. Foering, Herbert Hanna, M. J. Garrity, D. S. Bechtel, J. H. Foering, William Keely, H. Moyer, W. Moyer T. W. Schofield, William Smith, William Hardman, Albert H. Allison, F. Willard Cornman, A. Phillips and John Hodgson.

LANSDOWNE

Mrs. Harry Keene, of 408 South Lansdowne avenue, will entertain the members of her bridge club this afternoon. Those present will be Mrs. Gilbert Van Zant, Mrs. Arthur Moorehead. Mrs. John Nichols, Mrs. Frank Airy, Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. Harry Dennett, Mrs. Harry Stoll, Mrs. F. Davis, Mrs. George Mallison, Mrs. Sarah Hood, Mrs. Walter Matsinger, Mrs. Charles Ebrey, Mrs. Francis Maxwell and Mrs. Ella

The Monday evening dancing class meets weekly in Baker Hall. The members are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Odgen, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Statzell, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hays, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Boyd, Miss Josephine Vincent, Miss Louiss Van Zant, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence de Amour, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Scott, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. William O. Hempstead, Mr. and Mrs. Brook Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sagendorph, Roy Sanford and Jefferson Griffith.

Mrs. Russel Keiffer of 47 Lincoln avenue, left yesterday to join her husband, who is in Los Angeles, Cal.

WILMINGTON

Two affairs were given this week for Mrs. Harrison Cruikshank who before her recent marriage was Miss Dabney Maury Halsey, of Philadelphia. Mrs. John P. Nields entertained at ten and was assisted by Mrs. Thomas W. Miller, Mrs. David D. Ranken, Miss Bessle du Pont, Miss Margaretta Miller and Miss Barbara Vandagrift. Mrs. H. P. Whittaker and Miss Margeret Whittaker gave a tea for Mrs. Crulishank to introduce her to their younger

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Copeland gave a cottllon at their home in honor of their guest, Mrs. N. G. Robinson, of Scranton, Pa. Mrs. William K. du Pont entertained at cards for Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. William C. Sprunnes, Jr., gave a small luncheon for her at the Country Club

DANCING CLASS MEETS

The Fifth Meeting of Mrs. Troth's Dancing Class to Take Place Tonight.

Mrs. Edward Troth's dancing class, which is held at the Germantown Cricket Club, Manheim, will hold its fifth meeting tonight. Among the members are;

Miss Emily LaF, Claxson, Miss Margaret Cruice, Miss Elizabeth L. H. Brewster, Miss Eleanor Noble, Miss Reba Duhring, Miss Dorothy Disston, Miss Mary Boyd, Miss Josephine Dodge, Miss Kathleen Dennison, Miss Leanora Dennison, Miss Margaret C. Fox, Miss Lois D. Field, Miss Dorothea Oberteuffer, Miss Elizabeth Dale Obertsuffer, Miss Frances S. Mears, Miss Louise Rodgers, Miss Isobel M. Rodgers, Miss Huberta Potter, Miss Katharine Potter, Miss Helena S. Robinson, Miss Isabel B. Stoughton, Miss Frances Stoughton, Miss Edith M. Smythe, Miss Lucia A. Warden, Miss Isabella Wadsworth, Miss E. B. Watt, Miss M. E. Atlee, Miss May Butler, Miss E. J. Bean, Miss Eleanor Bispham, Miss Mary Ballard, Miss Lillie Crisfield, Miss Florence M. Dreer, Miss Louisa Gibbons Davis, Miss Katharine Davis, Miss Lillie Dunn, Miss Eleanor Gardiner, Miss Dorothy Foltz, Margaretta W. Hobart, Miss Ethel Hastings, Miss Marie Lorrimer, Miss Mildred Longstreth, Miss Elizabeth P. Dallas, Miss Edith L. Smith, Miss Florence Sheppard, Miss Anita Stetson, Miss Elizabeth MacCuen Smith, Miss Elaine English, Miss Evaline Taylor, Miss Marjorie Taylor, Miss Eleanor Wood, Miss Marion Brooks Snow, Miss Anna Le Conte Snow, Miss Elizabeth Grammer, Miss Caroline L. Brinton, Miss Anna B. Brinton, Miss Eleanor Porcher, Miss Blanche M. Patterson, Miss Emily Wagner and Miss Christine Rehn.

The next meetings will be January 23 and 28. February 5, March 5, April 9, 16, 22 and 30 and May 7 and 14.

A number of dinners will precede the class to-

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Rehn. of 228 East Cheltan avenue, in honor of their daughter,

Miss Christine Rehn.

Mrs. William M. Longstreth, of Penn and Knox streets, will entertain in honor of Miss Frances Hunter, of Providence, R. I., who is visiting Miss Janet Adamson, of Fisher's lane.

FRANKFORD

Miss Lucie Eggleston Buil, who has been the guest of Miss Kathryne Schlater, 1818 Orthodox street, has gone to Baltimore, where she is the guest of Miss Alice Wilson at the Washington apartments. Miss Wilson's father is a brother of President Woodrow Wilson. Miss Bull is a daughter of the Rev. G. W. Bull, of Scranton. Pa. Doctor Bull is well known in Frankford and Germantown and throughout Pennsylvania.

An attractive dance will be given at the Frankford High School tonight, Jack Cotts, Harry Mauder, Herbert Newton and Philip Morriston are the committee in charge, and Mrs. George Cotts, Mrs. Frank Mauder, Mrs. Herbert Newton and Mrs. William Morrison are the patronesses.

Mrs. John Stevenson, of Hagerman street, will entertain the members of her sewing circle tonight. The members are Miss Ella Clay Patterson, Miss Bernice Cartledge, Miss Nell Travis, Miss Ada Travis, Mrs. George Potts, Miss Clara Case, Mrs. William Hall and Mrs. Franklin Cartledge.



MRS. WILBUR BAIRD TOPPING Mrs. Topping has closed her house on Winsford Avenue, and will spend the remainder of the winter in Augusts, Co,

BEST THOUGHT IN AMERICA

Digest of the Magazines

(1) Colliers-"Mobilizing the Connacks." (2) Political Science Quarterly-"Records of Political Events."

(3) Century-"Russia a Nation United by War.

(4) Outlook-"Alliance With Russian Barbarism."

(5) Review of Reviews-"How Russia Has Gone Dry." (8) New Republic-"The Slavic Hope." (7) Century-"Russia and the Open

RUSSIA

CLAVIC perils and Slavic hopes, Russia's new sobriety and its former revolutions, these are only a few of the phases of Russian life which form the subject of more than a score of articles in the current magazines. Almost every question is approached from opposite sides, and each writer seems to argue his theme from a separate and distinct point of view. It is noteworthy, however, that adverse criticism of the Russians is almost negligible among all these articles. Most of them agree on one appreciation of the qualities and possibilities of the Russian people, more especially the peasant class. The reading leaves one with a very much toneddown notion of the "Slavic peril."

It takes one very much behind the scenes to read of the simple unquestioning spirit in which the Cossacks received their call to arms. Cossacks have always seemed such a terrible and sophisticated people. In "Mobilizing the Cossacks" (1), Stephen Graham writes:

I was staying at an Atlai Cossack village on the frontier of Mongolla when the war broke out. A young man on a fine horse came galloping down the street, a great red flag hanging from his shoulders and flapping in the wind, and, as he went, he called out the news to each and every one: "War! War!" The Czar had called on the Cossacks; they gave up their work without a regret and burned to fight the enemy. Who was the enemy? Nobody knew. The telegram contained no indications.

What scenes there were that lost day.

What scenes there were that last day. At 8 o'clock in the morning the holy water basin was taken from the church and placed basin was taken from the church and placed with triple candles on the open sun-blazed mountainside. The Cossacks met there, as at a rendezvous, and all their womenfolk, in multifarious bright cotton dresses and tearstained faces, walked out to say a last religious goodby. The bareheaded, long-haired priest came out in vestment of violet hue, and behind him came the old men of the village carrying the icons and banners of the church, and after them the village choir, singing as they marched. A strange mingling of sobbing and singing went up to Heaven. The consecration service took place and only then did we learn the almost incredible fact that the war was with Germany.

A condensed and impartial "Record of Political Events" from May to November, appears in the Political Science Quarterly (2) published by Columbia University, It clears up briefly just what has happened in Russia, and presents a valuable and authoritative introduction to further reading:

The repressive policy of the Government The repressive policy of the Government toward the working class resulted in June and July in a number of general strikes, followed by revolutionary demonstrations, which assumed from July 21 to 25 such large proportions, and effected in some cities, notably in Petrograd, so complete a stoppage of industry, as to convince some observers of the imminence of a revolutionary outbreak.

On August 15 the Czar issued a procla-mation promising complete autonomy to Poland. On the same day, Grand Duke Nicholas, commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, issued a proclamation to his men characterizing the war as a struggle of the Slavs in defense of their racial ex-istence, and commanding them, therefore, not to harm any Slav, even though he were a German or Austrian subject. A liberali-zation, if not a complete removal, of all restrictions upon Jews was also promised by the Czar, and the rule excluding Jews from being officers in the army was abandoned, numerous promotions of Jews imme-diately following. The name of St. Peters-burg, which is of German origin, was changed to Petrograd on September 1.

From Fire to Frying Pan

The imminence of the revolution briefly referred to above has not received much attention, but Russia seems to have been tottering on the very verge of a tremendous explosion, which was only averted by this more general catastrophe of a world war. The extremity of her situation is vividly described in an article in last month's Century by an English author, whose name though well known cannot, an editorial note explains, be used, for personal reasons. He writes (3):

Only a few days before the war I had gone up to St. Petersburg from Finland to get my rooms ready, as I wished to see as much as possible of the attempt at revolution that then seemed inevitable. There were barricades up in the streets of the workmen's quarters. 120,000 workmen were on strike, and this is the point they were not on and, this is the point, they were not on strike for higher wages. No concession by the master could have brought the men back to work. The only answer they re-turned when asked why there was a strike was that they were dissatisfied with their lives, with the present conditions of the working man, and that they intended to dis-organize the State until these conditions were altered.

St. Petersburg was in momentary fear of St. Petersburg was in momentary fear of another and far more serious revolution than that of 1905. The police captured the people supposed to be the leaders, but it soon appeared that there were no leaders. Orders were given for the severest possible repressive measure, which would perhaps have involved a large-scale battle, probably a massacre, certainly a state of war in the capital. The moment it became clear in St. Petersburg that Germany was determined on war the repressive measures were counon war the represive measures were coun-termanded, two days before they were to have taken effect, and the workmen went quietly back to work.

There is a forceful and appealing interpretation of the Russians from a sympathetic viewpoint in an article, "Alliance With 'Russian Barbarism' " (4), by George Kennan. Probably no American is better qualified as an expert on the subject. He speaks and reads Russian, has written notable books and was war correspondent for the Outlook on the firing line before Port Arthur, during the Russo-Japanese war. He writes (4):

T wish to draw a sharp distinction between the Russian Government and the Russian people. I should describe Russia as a semientightened, progressive and liberty-loving nation, which happens to be barbarously governed by a selfish and unprogressive eligarchy, in other words, the "semiharbarism" is in the Government, not the people. Russia contains, it is true, a mass of illiterate peasants, but their ignorance is not their own fault. They are kept ignorant by a despotic eligarchy, which fluds it easier to control and govern ignorant men than sducated men. Nothing is more striking in modern Russia has the idealism and altruistic spirit of the liberal and enlightened class. I would undertake today to got together in Russia for purely altruistic purposes a greater number of sulfacestate forces.

could be gathered in any other country is Europe.

A Big Water Wagon

Another reseate view of Russia extels to the verge of ecstasy the improvement there since the imperial decree putting a sudden and absolute end to all liquor drinking in the Empire. The prestige and reputation of the Review of Reviews, which prints the article editorially (5), give it entire anthenticity.

To those who knew Russia as she was be

To those who knew Russia as she was before the war it is difficult to conceive of her without vodka. Twenty-four hours after the order went forth from the Government not a drop of strong drink was to be had in all the length and breadth of the Czar's domain. 170,000,000 people, who consumed more spirituous liquor proportionately than any other nation, suddenly stopped drinking.

The explanation is quite simple. The Russian Government has a monopoly of the entire drink traffic, not only the retail vodka shops, but its production.

Crime has been diminished 40 per cent, or even more. Wife beating has ceased almost entirely. Quoting from the Petrograd Riech, the article continues: "A priest in the Government of Simbirsk writes in answer to a series of questions by the Bureau of Statistics: 'I is difficult to express in words the transformation that has taken place in our villages. All our peasants have begun to dress decently; they have become industrious, as it were, more rational and sensible. I know one peasant, for instance, who always went about drunk. He used to take the last suck of flour he had to the liquor shop, and the eggs as soon as the hens laid them. It is a pleasure to see this fellow now putting up a new gate to his yard and sitting in front of his house in the evening, quietly conversing with his wife. In all the years I can remember I never saw his wic's face as it is now, without any blue marks."

This optimistic view is not shared by H. N. Brailsford, an English contributor to the New Republic, writing from London on "The Slavic Hope" (6). He says:

The Czar has won golden opinions in some not very critical quarters by announcing that he intends to continue the prohibition of the sale of alcohol permanently after the wan. Prohibition may be a salutary reform in the Russian village, but anything that is gained in sobriety has been lost in liberty by this return to the habit of autocratic legislation. We are back in the days when Peter the Great prohibited the wearing of beards, and the Duma is not so much flouted as forgotten.

Mr. Brailsford is similary pessimistic about All, Stalistord is similary pessimistic about the entire situation. He adds: "There is, in short, no reason to hope that a Russian victory will bring an increase of influence to Russian liberalism. It will, on the contrary, strengthen the central authority and emphasize the peculiarly national note of the reaction." The lure of the sea calling irresistibly upon

of Edwin D. Schoonmaker's article (7), and he sums it up in the classic words of Peter the Great, who when a lad, responded to the call by shipping as cabin boy: In a workman's blouse, in the shippards of foreign lands, he wrote back words which have ever since been the cry of his country. "It is not land I want, but water." Why did Peter dream of the open sea? For the same reason that from the dawn of time humanity has dreamed of the sea. Land is existence, but water is life. The open sea is the open mind. The oceans are civilization.

Russia through all the centuries is the theme

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